

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figs. 1,3, and 5, replacing the original sheets.

In Fig. 1, the reference numeral "3" has been replaced with "3a".

In Fig. 3, the reference numeral "3" has been replaced with "3b". The element identified as "data storage subsystem" has been amended to include another storage unit "34".

In Fig. 5, the reference numeral "3" has been replaced with "3c".

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 18-23, 27-29, 31-33, 35, and 36 are pending.

The claims as presented include the examiner's amendments entered in the Notice of Allowance mailed March 14, 2006.

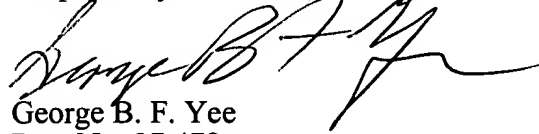
Upon reviewing the allowed claims, a typographical error was identified in claim 18. The claim has been amended accordingly.

Per the examiner's instructions in the Notice of Allowance mailed March 14, 2006, Figs. 1, 3, and 5 have been amended to correct minor informalities. The specification as originally filed supports the proposed amendments to the figures. See for example, page 8, line 7 and following. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Entry of this amendment is respectfully urged since it merely cures a formal defect in one of the claims and does not touch the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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